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YEAS—380

Abercrombie Dooley Kolbe
Ackerman Doolittle Kucinich
Aderholt Doyle LaFalce
Akin Dreier LaHood
Allen Duncan Lampson
Andrews Dunn Langevin
Armey Edwards Lantos
Baca Ehlers Largent
Bachus Ehrlich Larsen (WA)
Baird Emerson Larson (CT)
Baker Engel Latham
Baldacci English LaTourette
Baldwin Eshoo Leach
Ballenger Etheridge Lee
Bartlett Evans Levin
Barton Everett Lewis (CA)
Bass Farr Lewis (GA)
Becerra Fattah Lewis (KY)
Bentsen Ferguson Linder
Bereuter Filner LoBiondo
Berkley Fletcher Lofgren
Berman Foley Lowey
Berry Forbes Lucas (OK)
Biggart Ford Maloney (CT)
Bilirakis Fossella Maloney (NY)
Bishop Frank Manzullo
Blagojevich Frelinghuysen Markey
Blumenauer Frost Mascara
Blunt Gallegly Matheson
Boehlert Ganske Matsui
Boehner Gekas McCarthy (MO)
Bonilla Gephardt McCarthy (NY)
Bonior Gibbons McCollum
Bono Gilchrest McCrery
Borski Gillmor McDermott
Boswell Gilman McGovern
Boucher Gonzalez McHugh
Boyd Goss McInnis
Brady (PA) Graham McIntyre
Brady (TX) Granger McKeon
Brown (FL) Graves McNulty
Brown (OH) Greenwood Meehan
Brown (SC) Grucci Meek (FL)
Bryant Gutierrez Meeks (NY)
Burr Gutknecht Menendez
Burton Hall (OH) Mica
Buyer Hall (TX) Miller (FL)
Callahan Hansen Miller, Gary
Calvert Harman Miller, George
Camp Hart Mink
Cannon Hastings (WA) Mollohan
Cantor Hayes Moran (VA)
Capito Hayworth Morella
Capps Hill Murtha
Capuano Hilleary Myrick
Cardin Hilliard Nadler
Carson (IN) Hinchey Napolitano
Carson (OK) Hinojosa Nethercutt
Castle Hobson Ney
Chabot Hoeffel Northup
Chambliss Holden Nussle
Clay Holt Oberstar
Clayton Honda Obey
Clement Hooley Oliver
Clyburn Horn Ortiz
Coble Hostettler Osborne
Collins Houghton Ose
Combest Hoyer Otter
Condit Hutchinson Owens
Conyers Hyde Oxley
Cooksey Inslee Pallone
Cox Isakson Pascrell
Coynne Issa Pastor
Cramer Istook Payne
Crane Jackson (IL) Pelosi
Crenshaw Jackson-Lee Pence
Crowley (TX) Peterson (MN)
Cubin Jefferson Peterson (PA)
Culberson Jenkins Pickering
Cummings John Platts
Cunningham Johnson (CT) Pombo
Davis (CA) Johnson, Sam Pomeroy
Davis (FL) Kanjorski Portman
Davis (IL) Kaptur Price (NC)
Davis, Jo Ann Keller Pryce (OH)
Davis, Tom Kelly Putnam
Deal Kennedy (MN) Quinn
DeFazio Kennedy (RI) Radanovich
DeGette Kerns Rahall
Delahunt Kildee Ramstad
DeLauro Kilpatrick Rangel
DeLay King (NY) Regula
DeMint Kingston Rehberg
Diaz-Balart Kirk Reyes
Dicks Kiecicka Reynolds
Dingell Knollenberg Riley

Rivers Rodriguez Skeen
Rodriguez Skelton
Roemer Slaughter
Rogers (KY) Smith (MI)
Rogers (MI) Smith (NJ)
Rohrabacher Smith (TX)
Ros-Lehtinen Smith (WA)
Ross Snyder
Rothman Solis
Roukema Souder
Roybal-Allard Spratt
Rush Stenholm
Sabo Strickland
Sanchez Stump
Sanders Stupak
Sandlin Sununu
Sawyer Sweeney
Saxton Tanner
Scarborough Tauscher
Schakowsky Tauzin
Schrock Taylor (NC)
Serrano Terry
Sessions Thomas
Shadegg Thompson (CA)
Shaw Thompson (MS)
Shays Thornberry
Sherman Thune
Sherwood Tiahrt
Shuster Tiberi
Simmons Tierney
Simpson Towns

NAYS—38

Barcia Israel
Barr Johnson (IL)
Barrett Jones (NC)
Costello Kind (WI)
Deutsch Lucas (KY)
Doggett Luther
Goode Moore
Goodlatte Moran (KS)
Green (TX) Paul
Green (WI) Petri
Hefley Phelps
Hoekstra Pitts
Hulshof Royce

NOT VOTING—15

Flake Jones (OH)
Gordon Lipinski
Hastings (FL) McKinney
Herger Millender-
Hunter McDonald
Johnson, E. B. Neal

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Messrs. SHOWS, SCHIFF, SHIMKUS, DOGGETT, JOHNSON of Illinois, BARCIA, and PHELPS changed their vote from “yea” to “nay.”

So the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mr. HERGER. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 298 I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea”.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. MCHUGH). Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the pending business is the question of the Speaker's approval of the Journal of the last day's proceedings.

The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

RECORDED VOTE

Mr. McNULTY. Mr. Speaker, I demand a recorded vote.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 359, noes 44,

answered “present” 1, not voting 29, as follows:

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AYES—359

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Armey Dunn Largent
Baca Edwards Larson (CT)
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Ballenger Etheridge Lewis (GA)
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Barr Everett Linder
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Bartlett Farr Lowey
Barton Fattah Lucas (KY)
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Berkley Ford Manzullo
Berman Frank Markey
Berry Frelinghuysen Mascara
Biggart Frost Matheson
Bilirakis Gallegly Matsui
Bishop Ganske McCarthy (MO)
Blagojevich Gekas McCollum
Blumenauer Gibbons McCrery
Blunt Gilchrest McGovern
Boehlert Gillmor McHugh
Boehner Gilman McInnis
Bonilla Gonzalez McIntyre
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Brady (PA) Green (WI) Miller, George
Brady (TX) Greenwood Mink
Brown (FL) Grucci Mollohan
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Burr Hansen Murtha
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Buyer Hart Nadler
Callahan Hastings (WA) Napolitano
Calvert Hayes Nethercutt
Camp Hayworth Ney
Cannon Herger Northup
Cantor Hill Nussle
Capito Hilleary Obey
Capps Hinchey Oliver
Cardin Hinojosa Ortiz
Carson (IN) Hobson Osborne
Carson (OK) Hoeffel Ose
Castle Holden Otter
Chabot Holt Owens
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Clay Hooley Pallone
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Clement Hostettler Pastor
Clyburn Houghton Paul
Coble Hoyer Payne
Collins Hyde Pelosi
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Condit Isakson Peterson (PA)
Conyers Israel Petri
Cooksey Issa Phelps
Cox Istook Pickering
Coynne Jackson (IL) Pitts
Cramer Jackson-Lee Pombo
Crenshaw (TX) Pomeroy
Culberson Jenkins Portman
Cummings John Price (NC)
Cunningham Johnson (CT) Pryce (OH)
Davis (CA) Johnson (IL) Putnam
Davis (FL) Johnson, Sam Quinn
Davis (IL) Jones (NC) Radanovich
Davis, Jo Ann Kanjorski Rahall
Davis, Tom Kaptur Rangel
Deal Kennedy (RI) Regula
DeGette Kerns Rehberg
Delahunt Kildee Reyes
DeLauro Kilpatrick Riley
DeLay Kind (WI) Rivers
DeMint King (NY) Rodriguez
Deutsch Kingston Rogers (KY)
Diaz-Balart Kirk Rogers (MI)
Dicks Kiecicka Rohrabacher
Dingell Knollenberg Ros-Lehtinen

Ross	Simmons	Tiberi
Rothman	Simpson	Tierney
Roukema	Skeen	Toomey
Roybal-Allard	Skelton	Trafficant
Royce	Smith (MI)	Turner
Ryan (WI)	Smith (NJ)	Upton
Ryun (KS)	Smith (TX)	Velaquez
Sanchez	Smith (WA)	Vitter
Sanders	Snyder	Walden
Sandlin	Solis	Walsh
Sawyer	Souder	Watkins (OK)
Saxton	Spratt	Watson (CA)
Scarborough	Stearns	Watt (NC)
Schakowsky	Stenholm	Watts (OK)
Schiff	Strickland	Waxman
Schrock	Stump	Weiner
Sensenbrenner	Sununu	Weldon (FL)
Serrano	Tanner	Weldon (PA)
Sessions	Tauscher	Wexler
Shadegg	Tauzin	Whitfield
Shaw	Taylor (NC)	Wicker
Shays	Terry	Wilson
Sherman	Thomas	Wolf
Sherwood	Thornberry	Woolsey
Shimkus	Thune	Wynn
Shows	Thurman	Young (AK)
Shuster	Tiahrt	Young (FL)

NOES—44

Baird	Kennedy (MN)	Roemer
Capuano	Kucinich	Sabo
Costello	Larsen (WA)	Schaffer
Crane	Latham	Stupak
Crowley	LoBiondo	Sweeney
DeFazio	McCarthy (NY)	Thompson (CA)
English	McDermott	Thompson (MS)
Filner	McNulty	Udall (CO)
Fossella	Menendez	Udall (NM)
Gutierrez	Moore	Visclosky
Gutknecht	Moran (KS)	Wamp
Hefley	Oberstar	Waters
Hilliard	Peterson (MN)	Weller
Hoekstra	Platts	Wu
Hulshof	Ramstad	

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—1

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NOT VOTING—29

Calvert	Johnson, E. B.	Neal
Cubin	Jones (OH)	Norwood
Flake	Keller	Reynolds
Gephardt	Kelly	Rush
Gordon	Lewis (CA)	Scott
Goss	Lipinski	Slaughter
Hastings (FL)	McKinney	Spence
Hunter	Millender	Stark
Hutchinson	McDonald	Taylor (MS)
Jefferson	Miller, Gary	Towns

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So the Journal was approved.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

SUNDRY MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Sundry messages, in writing from the President of the United States were communicated to the House by Ms. Wanda Evans, one of his secretaries.

CONTINUATION OF NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO IRAQ—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 107-111)

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin) laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, without objection, referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered to be printed:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides

for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the Federal Register and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent the enclosed notice, stating that the Iraqi emergency is to continue in effect beyond August 2, 2001, to the Federal Register for publication.

The crisis between the United States and Iraq that led to the declaration on August 2, 1990, of a national emergency has not been resolved. The Government of Iraq continues to engage in activities inimical to stability in the Middle East and hostile to United States interests in the region. Such Iraqi actions pose a continuing, unusual, and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States. For these reasons, I have determined that it is necessary to maintain in force the broad authorities necessary to apply economic pressure on the Government of Iraq.

GEORGE W. BUSH.

THE WHITE HOUSE, July 31, 2001.

PERIODIC REPORT ON NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO IRAQ—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 107-110)

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, without objection, referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered to be printed:

To the Congress of the United States:

As required by section 401(c) of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1641(c), and section 204(c) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, 50 U.S.C. 1703(c), I transmit herewith a 6-month report on the national emergency with respect to Iraq that was declared in Executive Order 12722 of August 2, 1990.

GEORGE W. BUSH.

THE WHITE HOUSE, July 31, 2001.

VETERANS BENEFITS ACT OF 2001

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2540) to amend title 38, United States Code, to make various improvements to veterans benefits programs under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 2540

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the "Veterans Benefits Act of 2001".

(b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

Sec. 2. References to title 38, United States Code.

TITLE I—ANNUAL COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT IN COMPENSATION AND DIC RATES

Sec. 101. Increase in rates of disability compensation and dependency and indemnity compensation.

Sec. 102. Publication of adjusted rates.

TITLE II—COMPENSATION PROVISIONS

Sec. 201. Presumption that diabetes mellitus (type 2) is service-connected.

Sec. 202. Inclusion of illnesses that cannot be clearly defined in presumption of service connection for Gulf War veterans.

Sec. 203. Preservation of service connection for undiagnosed illnesses to provide for participation in research projects by Gulf War veterans.

Sec. 204. Presumptive period for undiagnosed illnesses program providing compensation for veterans of Persian Gulf War who have certain illnesses.

TITLE III—ADMINISTRATION OF UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR VETERANS CLAIMS

Sec. 301. Registration fees.

Sec. 302. Administrative authorities.

TITLE IV—OTHER MATTERS

Sec. 401. Payment of insurance proceeds to an alternate beneficiary when first beneficiary cannot be identified.

Sec. 402. Extension of copayment requirement for outpatient prescription medications.

Sec. 403. Department of Veterans Affairs Health Services Improvement Fund made subject to appropriations.

Sec. 404. Native American veteran housing loan pilot program.

Sec. 405. Modification of loan assumption notice requirement.

Sec. 406. Elimination of requirement for providing a copy of notice of appeal to the Secretary.

Sec. 407. Pilot program for expansion of toll-free telephone access to veterans service representatives.

Sec. 408. Technical and clerical amendments.

Sec. 409. Codification of recurring provisions in annual Department of Veterans Affairs appropriations Acts.

SEC. 2. REFERENCES TO TITLE 38, UNITED STATES CODE.

Except as otherwise expressly provided, whenever in this Act an amendment or repeal is expressed in terms of an amendment to, or repeal of, a section or other provision, the reference shall be considered to be made to a section or other provision of title 38, United States Code.

TITLE I—ANNUAL COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT IN COMPENSATION AND DIC RATES

SEC. 101. INCREASE IN RATES OF DISABILITY COMPENSATION AND DEPENDENCY AND INDEMNITY COMPENSATION.

(a) RATE ADJUSTMENT.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall, effective on December 1, 2001, increase the dollar amounts in effect for the payment of disability compensation and dependency and indemnity compensation by the Secretary, as specified in subsection (b).

(b) AMOUNTS TO BE INCREASED.—The dollar amounts to be increased pursuant to subsection (a) are the following: